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As the military posture of the Western world is strengthened, ~~our~~ U.S. policy towards the USSR in the "cold war" will probably become more aggressive. In addition to our efforts to resist further Soviet territorial expansion, it is likely that as our capabilities permit, the US at some time in the future will wish to bring to bear upon the USSR all available "cold" war resources and weapons with the objective not only of weakening its power and will to wage "cold" and "hot war", but also of bringing about the destruction of the present regime and its replacement with a government sympathetic to the principles and purposes of the UN Charter.

If this effort is made, it is obvious that this government must have in advance as much knowledge as possible of the strengths and weaknesses of the regime and must have developed a realistic judgment as to how to employ its "cold war" weapons to exploit the weaknesses known to exist. In sum, we must possess the following intelligence:

- (1) A thorough and realistic understanding of the vulnerabilities of the present regime to all forms of "cold war" attack.
- (2) An estimate of the results which can probably be attained through such an attack.
- (3) A judgment as to the most promising lines of action for the attainment of these objectives.

The information covering these three points is probably available in the Western world, either in government files or in the hands of private individuals who have lived in Russia and to whom access is possible. The task is, therefore, first to collect and then to process this information in order to develop the intelligence on which the estimates can be made.

(See Tab)
I am attaching an outline, which suggests the types of information which CIA believes to be necessary for the estimate, which I have described.

Since OIR now has the primary responsibility for the preparation of intelligence of this character, I recommend that the Department of State assume responsibility for the preparation of the estimate and that CIA and the intelligence services of the Armed Forces assist the Department in its preparation.